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Indian Education for All (IEFA) Ready-To-Go Teacher Grants



The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is looking for a few good educators to deepen our implementation of Indian Education for All. There is now a body of instructional materials that have been developed by Montana educators and is accessible through OPI. The next step involves lesson plan development and lesson pilots.

OPI is offering stipends to teachers interested in creating lessons that correspond with these newly developed resources.

OPI would also like to evaluate the performance of the IEFA lessons by piloting them in Montana classrooms. OPI will provide stipends for educators willing to participate and provide feedback on the effectiveness of the curriculum materials.

Eligible applicants, for either creating lessons or piloting existing lessons, include 1) an individual teacher or 2) a team of teachers from one school. All participants, whether working as an individual or a team, will each be responsible for creating two lessons or piloting one OPI lesson, depending on the chosen option.

All lessons, whether newly created or existing, must be observed by another teacher or the school principal to evaluate the outcome. There is a limit of ten lessons per content area per school. Options are listed below.

What is the timeline for this project?

The project completion date is June 30, 2007.

When are applications due?

This is an ongoing grant opportunity. Applications may be submitted at any time, but no later than March 30, 2007.

What are eligible activities/options under the grant?

1. Lesson plan development focused on OPI materials or other resources provided by OPI.

Teachers are required to use the Understanding by Design format. Instructions accompany the template provided.

If awarded, teachers must pilot their created lessons in their own classrooms and submit, along with the lessons, the OPI evaluation forms provided. Two evaluations must be conducted; one by the teacher piloting the lesson and one by an observer. The observer may be another teacher or the school principal. Substitute fees will be covered under the grant and stipends will be awarded to both the observer and the teacher testing the material.

Eligible OPI materials and resources from which to create classroom lessons:

- **Connecting Cultures & Classrooms K – 12 Curriculum Guide**
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/indianed/ConnectingCultures.pdf>
\$200 stipend awarded to review guide and produce two lessons from recommended literature and activities
- **Montana Indians: Their History and Location**
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/IndianEd/Resources/MTIndiansHistoryLocation.pdf>
\$200 stipend to review and produce two lessons regarding content

- **DVDs:**

- a. Tribes of Montana and How They Got Their Names
- b. View from the Shore
- c. Talking Without Words
- d. Long Ago in Montana

<http://opi.mt.gov/indianEd/Video.html>

\$150 stipend to preview and produce two lessons regarding DVD content

- **Native American Literature** (various titles from OPI recommended list)

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/PDF/IndianEd/IEFAProfResourceGuid.pdf>

\$100 stipend awarded to read one K – 8 book and develop 2 lessons to correspond to the book

\$200 stipend awarded to read one high school level novel and develop 2 lessons to correspond to the book

** Please indicate if additional resources are necessary to follow through with the activities of the grant.*

2. Pilot Existing OPI IEFA Lessons

Teachers are required to submit the OPI evaluation forms provided. Two evaluations must be conducted, one by the teacher piloting the lesson and one by an observer. The observer may be another teacher or the school principal. Substitute fees will be covered under the grant and stipends will be awarded to the observer as well as the teacher testing the material.

- **IEFA Social Studies Lessons**

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/indianed/SocialStudies.html>

\$75 stipends are available to teachers willing to pilot one lesson and provide feedback and recommendations

- **IEFA Fish, Wildlife, and Parks State Park Lessons**

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/indianed/stateparks.html>

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OPI retains the right to distribute any and all lessons produced from these grants.

Submit all application material to:

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Applications may also be submitted electronically to lwetherall@mt.gov.

***School districts must apply on behalf of a teacher or a team of teachers.**